

# **FRENCH IMPERIALISM UNDER THE VEIL OF "PROVIDING AID", ISRAELI IMPERIALISM UNDER THE VEIL OF "COMBATING TERRORISM" IN LEBANON**

As the Burkinabe revolutionary Thomas Sankara used to say, he who feeds you control you. The imperialist forces of the world, repeatedly try to give "aid" to countries which they themselves, either from direct wars, or from other thousands smaller actions spanning decades, keep improvised. By doing this, they essentially try to "feed" countries, with the outcome being control. The inefficient bourgeoisie bureaucrats and careerists ruling most of these bourgeoisie poor ridden republics, who, most of them are direct puppets to imperialist agents, and if not puppets, agents themselves, of course take these money and put them in their pocket. The imperialists of course know this will happen, but they keep pushing for aid as the solution to these problems, buying up governments and bureaucrats, and in the meantime, when all of these money end up being siphoned in offshore bank accounts of their local "captains", the media pushes that the solution is the removal of this X corrupted official, only for the next agent become the next X corrupted official and the circle repeats. Two birds with one stone; the imperialists end up being seen as "good" since they "give aid", and they keep diverting the question of political power by pointing themselves the fingers to their own agents. "Remove this X corrupted official, and your problems will be aliavated", only for the next to end up being the same as the previous; they own the same allegiance to the world alliance of the Alglo-Yanks,

Germano-French, and world rootless cosmopolitan Jewry and Masonry. In short, to the world's cosmopolitan, imperialist bourgeoisie, the most filthy degenerate boy-lovers, who's nation is the money.

Of course, the X corrupted official does not care to be removed from office too much, he made his fortune enough to sustain a parasitic existence contrary to his population who toils all day for 400 euros, and if he is not so lucky, to live a life of misery and poverty, eating today and not eating tomorrow. Not only that, but the "aids" subjugate the country since the country will need to repaid later. The money end up in consuming and not in producing means of production, to produce and thus enrich the country, therefore the small producing that the under-developed country does, ends up in essence being "paid" back to imperialists.

Thus, this "aid" is one of the may ways for the imperialists to buy off bureaucrats and officials. The aid of France is no different.

Quoting from one of the many papers which are used as the mouthpieces of the imperialists, the Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy:

In desperate need for international aid to stymie the crisis-turned-collapse, Lebanon has been ostensibly seeking such assistance over the past several years. Donors pledged \$11 billion in soft loans and grants in April 2018 for socioeconomic development projects during the CEDRE Conference, contingent upon implementing structural economic and administrative reforms and anti-corruption measures. As the collapse accelerated in early 2020 and the value of the Lebanese Lira plummeted, the Lebanese government sought a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund, whose delivery is also dependent on meaningful reforms. Following the August 4 blast in Beirut, French President Emmanuel Macron proclaimed his 'initiative' whereby France would mobilize the international

community to support Lebanon, on the condition that a new government is rapidly formed and that the aforementioned reforms are implemented.

In January 2021, the World Bank approved a \$246 million loan for a 3-year program destined to provide cash assistance to vulnerable Lebanese households. However, the agreement with the Lebanese government stipulates that the cash assistance will be delivered to beneficiaries in Lebanese Liras at a new rate, rather than in dollars, while the Central Bank will use the dollars to further prolong a subsidization program that has largely benefitted the wealthier strata of society. This has prompted well-founded criticism that this loan is just another ploy by Lebanon's political class to make use of foreign assistance to prolong the decaying politico-economic system that has served them so well. [1]

"On the condition that these reforms are implemented"

Let us quote from the Opening address by Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, CEDRE Conference on what these reforms are about;

The name of the conference we are attending, the CEDRE Conference, is symbolic.

It is also a programme of action: the economic development of Lebanon through reforms and with businesses. The work conducted ahead of this conference by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank enabled us to have a clear idea of Lebanon's economic situations and its outlooks. The starting point for our work, which was fuelled by our discussions with civil society and the private sector, was a very simple two-pronged observation that was agreed by a general consensus.

First,

Lebanon needs significant investments to update its basic infrastructures, which are no longer able to provide all its citizens basic public services in the proper conditions.

Second, Lebanon's economy urgently needs far-reaching structural and sectoral reforms. Lebanon's stability from an economic point of view is therefore based on the combined action of Lebanese reform and international support.[2]

Essentially, more power to the "businesses" and more loans for the Lebanese people to pay for the said businesses. The condition for French loans is strengthening the private sector, and since the French bourgeoisie have the ability, their further encroaching in the Lebanese market. For this, the French and IMF (international support) will provide loans, therefore, the French will give loans for the Lebanese to construct their future businesses, and then the said Lebanese will have to pay said loans back plus the interest. To give a simple example, X individual will give a Y individual a loan to be used Y individual to construct the house of X individual. The Y individual not only will work for free, but he will need to pay the loan interest to X individual back! How smart! Truly describing the popular French idiot 'avoir un poil dans la main'! Why should one work if one can have others doing the work, and paying you for it too! To secure this profitable transaction, France urged that "an international force" to be deployed in Lebanon, and guess on who's administration; The World Bank! [3] But now one needs to move to Israel. In 31 of July, a drone attack against the Zionists took place on the coast of Oman when a suicide-drone struck an Israeli owned ship killing two people. Israel blamed Iran, and Iran media said that it had sources that this attack was conducted from "forces inside the Axis of resistance", which would mean anyone from the Houthis to Iran to Hezbollah and Palestinian groups.<sup>4]</sup> Three days after this, the Zionist reported that Hezbollah broke the peace of 2006 and that it attacked Israeli territory with rockets. Hezbollah did not claim the attack, yet Israel started attacking with rockets on the Lebanese borders. In the same days, Israeli defence minister Gantz said that

It is time for diplomatic, economic and even military deeds (against Iran) - otherwise the attacks will continue.[5]

The Zionists try to pull Iran on a war, since it is evident that the Zionists are unable to win Iran's allies; Hezbollah, the Houthis, the Baath, therefore they will try more and more to push for a direct war against Iran in hopes of bringing down the pillar of the resistance in the region.

But the Zionists are not only in Israel; they have faithful puppets inside Lebanon and inside all of the Arab world. If one wants to know what their puppets would say, no need to do more than read the statement of Samir Geagea, a former christian-zionist warlord, who is now head of one of the main parties of the reactionary "Lebanese nationalist" March 14 alliance:

What is happening in the south is dangerous, very dangerous, especially in light of the great tension emerging in the region.[6]

Geagea knows that if a full war opens up, there is nothing stopping Hezbollah and the Arab nationalists of Lebanon from hanging him from an electric column, since if a war starts, then it means that the "peace" inside Lebanon would be useless, it would mean that the ground would be open for the March 8 alliance to finish up March 14 alliance.

People like Geagea want war, of course, but under the terms which benefit them the most. They are afraid of course to go to their master (the imperialist bourgeoisie Jewry and their allies) to ask to halt their attacks against Iran, since the only reason they can give is 'what about the poor us?'. They know that the Zionists don't care enough, and their order is "if you want to save yourself, try to put the blame on the Arabs".

Geagea, like a good feudal lord, complies to his king. Now, compare Geagea's response to the conflict with Hassan Nasrallah's response;

Our response was linked to the Israeli strikes that occurred

in south Lebanon for the first time in 15 years. We wanted to tell the enemy ... that any air strike by the Israeli air force on Lebanon will inevitably draw a response, though in a suitable and proportionate way, because we want to serve the purpose of protecting our country.

We are not looking for war and we do not want to head towards war, but we are ready for it.[7]

It is not nuclear science; one is a minion of the global imperialists and their allies in the region, the Zionist Jewry, the other is a representative of the Arab nation, saying that he does not desire war, but he will defend his people from Zionist aggression.

One's response is a slavish one, showing fear against the enemy, the other's is a response of bravery, telling to the enemy that any attack against his people will be met with a likewise response.

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